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February 3, 2022

Charles and Verna Parrott  


RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Charles and Verna Parrott,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz and his recent review.

Mr. Balsewicz was seen for review on 1/12/2022. The assigned Commissioner assessed that he had satisfied the conduct and programming requirements for a parole grant, with the risk reduction, time served, and release plan requirements remaining unmet. A request was made for a Pre-Release Investigation (PRI) to confirm Mr. Balsewicz's proposed release plans.

A completed and approved PRI, as determined by his assigned probation and parole agent under the Division of Community Corrections (DCC) of the Wisconsin DOC, is an essential step towards a grant, as it factors towards reducing risk upon release.

Your letter will be added to Mr. Balsewicz's support file for consideration before the next review. Thank you again for reaching out in support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Tate II".

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CC: Social Service File

Dear Mr. Tate,

This letter is to let you know that we at the Eau Claire Church of Christ

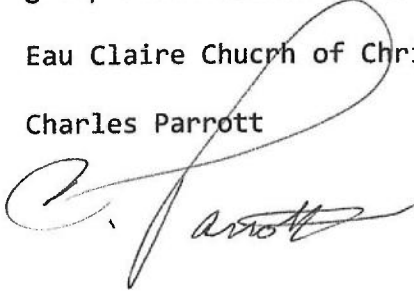
are aware of the situation with Doug Blasewicz. We are kept informed by Roger Dunnam our prison minister. We are excited to learn that Doug has a chance of release soon.

It comes as no surprise that you want to be sure that Doug will have a stable and supportive base to connect with so as to assure his successful transition back into community life.

We stand ready to fulfill that roll. Be assured that Doug will have a loving support group to facilitate a seamless entry back into society.

Eau Claire Church of Christ

Charles Parrott

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January 20, 2022

LaVerne Hanson Jr.



RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear LaVerne Hanson Jr.,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz.

Mr. Balsewicz was seen for review on 1/12/2022. The assigned Commissioner assessed that he had satisfied the conduct and programming requirements for a parole grant, with the risk reduction, time served, and release plan requirements remaining unmet. A request was made for a Pre-Release Investigation (PRI) to confirm Mr. Balsewicz's proposed release plans.

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Your letter will be added to Mr. Balsewicz's support file. Thank you again for reaching out in support.

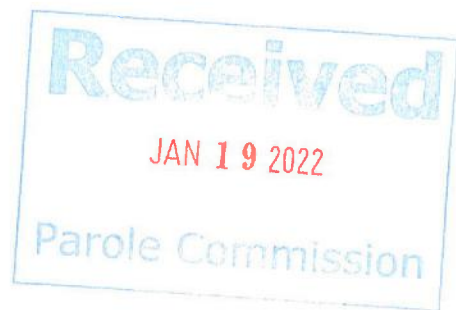
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Attn. John Tate II  
3099 East Washington Avenue  
PO Box 7960  
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Letter of Support for Doug Balsewicz #221009

Please consider this letter of support when reviewing Doug for parole.

Roger Dunnam is the elder and evangelist at our church. Roger has been working with Doug for the past 10 years. Encouraging him to understand how to live a life that has meaning using the word of God as the guidepost.

I have never met Doug. The updates that Roger provides on a regular basis serve as a general understanding of the progress that has been made with Doug. The overview of the progress is a understanding of the mistake Doug made and his desire to be contributing member of the community.

Our assembly is willing to help Doug reassemble into community life. Help includes finding housing and the daily needs that he might have. Needs that may include rides, essentials and encouragement.

Thank you for considering this letter of support in your review for the parole of Doug.

Sincerely

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LaVerne Hanson Jr  
Eleva Wisconsin 54738



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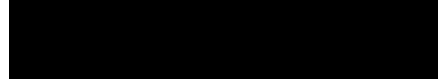
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January 20, 2022

Roger Dunnam



RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Roger Dunnam,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz, and for your continued advocacy on his behalf.

Parole reviews are scheduled for two months in advance of the Parole-Eligibility-Date (PED). Mr. Balsewicz's PED of 3/2/2022 meant his review was scheduled for January 2022. He was seen for review on 1/12/2022. The assigned Commissioner assessed that he had satisfied the conduct and programming requirements for a parole grant, with the risk reduction, time served, and release plan requirements remaining unmet. A request was made for a Pre-Release Investigation (PRI) to confirm Mr. Balsewicz's proposed release plans.

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Your letter will be added to Mr. Balsewicz's support file. Thank you again for reaching out in support.

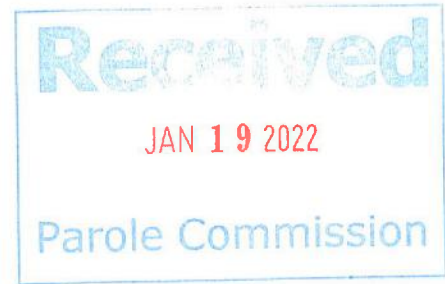
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To: Parole Commission, Mr Tate  
From: Roger Dunnham



RE: Parole hearing

Dear Mr. Tate,

Each time Doug Balslevicz 221009 has come up for a parole hearing I have written with information in favor of his release. You can refer to the files to review my letters. Once again I am writing to offer information in favor of Doug's release.

I have known Doug for about 15 years and have been visiting him at each one of the prisons he has been assigned to. He is a member of our church in Eau Claire Wisconsin. We have several members who write Doug on a regular basis. We also have at least 2 other members who have visited Doug with me over the years. So our congregation is well acquainted with

Daig. He is well known in our congregation. <sup>2</sup>  
Through letters and visits I have kept the  
church aware of his progress and challenges both  
physically and spiritually. There are a lot of  
things I could share concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is a result of  
neglect in the prison system. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] But I do not want to take your  
time recounting the failures of the prison medical  
system. You can read those reports for yourself  
and draw your own conclusions.

What I would like to share is the fact  
that Daig has a community that is waiting  
to be assistance to him upon his release. There  
is a community that wants to assist him with  
[REDACTED] as well as living conditions  
on the outside. This congregation has helped

others who have been released from prison to 3  
get a good start with life on the outside.  
and we are not only willing to assist Wang but  
we have a great desire to do so.

I hope you will consider our plea to be a  
part of Wang's life as he finds his place to be  
able to give back to society, which he is eager  
to do.

Western Wisconsin a medical mecca in the  
state, we are close to all medical facilities that  
[REDACTED] as much  
as possible. We have the means to see he is  
able to make all [REDACTED] etc. to  
help him recover. When released Wang would  
not be alone but has a family waiting for him.  
Please consider our ability and willingness to help  
in every way that we can.

Thank you for your consideration  
P.S. If you have any questions feel  
free to call me anytime.

Sincerely,  
Roger Dunning

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Gerane Lyngdal



RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Gerane Lyngdal,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz, and for your continued advocacy on his behalf.

Parole reviews are scheduled for two months in advance of the Parole-Eligibility-Date (PED). Mr. Balsewicz's PED of 3/2/2022 meant his review was scheduled for January 2022. He was seen for review on 1/12/2022. The assigned Commissioner assessed that he had satisfied the conduct and programming requirements for a parole grant, with the risk reduction, time served, and release plan requirements remaining unmet. A request was made for a Pre-Release Investigation (PRI) to confirm Mr. Balsewicz's proposed release plans.

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Your letter will be added to Mr. Balsewicz's support file. Thank you again for reaching out in support.

Sincerely,

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"Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself." Hebrews 13:3

January 17, 2022

Wisconsin Parole Commission

John Tate III, Chair

Re: Douglas Ralszewicz #221009, Parole Hearing  
March 3, 2022

I am Getanehynghal, retired English teacher and member of Eau Claire Church of Christ in Eau Claire, WI. I have been writing to Doug for seven years on a monthly basis. He writes or calls me when he has the funds. Though I have not met Doug in person I hope that situation will soon change.

Douglas served his time for a terrible crime. He cannot change the past, but he is a changed man. This last year has been especially difficult for him, but he has met his challenges with courage, patience, and faith in God's perfect timing. His great desire is to serve the Lord as an inspirational speaker at Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp and at youth rallies throughout the state, under the sponsorship of Roger Dunning, our minister. This is his opportunity to repay society. I believe he is specially gifted for this service.

My congregation will support Doug in any

way we can, once he is paroled. Roger and Anne Dunnam will take him into their home until he can cope on his own. We could help take him to [REDACTED] find employment, find lodging when he is ready. Roger and I are in communication with Doug's sister Cheryl. If Doug were paroled to live with her, we would continue the communication and offer support to her as well as Doug, when possible.

Perhaps you cannot often feel certain about the outcome of a man's release from prison, but I can assure you that you will never regret a grant of parole for this man.

Thank you for your willingness to work with prisoners. May God bless your efforts.

Gerane Lunadal  
[REDACTED]

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January 21, 2022

William Smith  


RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear William Smith,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz, and for your continued advocacy on his behalf.

Mr. Balsewicz was seen for review on 1/12/2022. The assigned Commissioner assessed that he had satisfied the conduct and programming requirements for a parole grant, with the risk reduction, time served, and release plan requirements remaining unmet. A request was made for a Pre-Release Investigation (PRI) to confirm Mr. Balsewicz's proposed release plans.

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Your letter will be added to Mr. Balsewicz's support file. Thank you again for reaching out in support.

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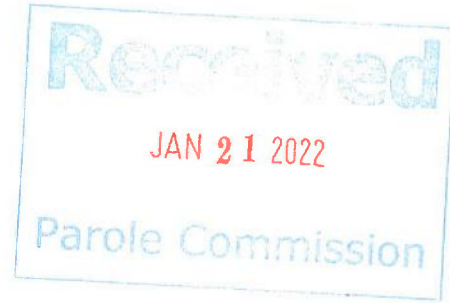
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

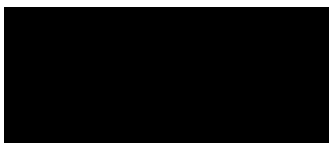
Dear Parole Commission Member,

I am writing to express my firm belief regarding the future consideration of Mr. Balsewicz's release. I am very comfortable with the knowledge that he will have strong community and spiritual support from the church from which I am a member. Any consideration this correspondence may bring, will no doubt be a blessing to all concerned.

Sincerely,

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William J. Smith



**From:** DOC Parole Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:38 PM  
**To:** 'Cheryl Shea'  
**Subject:** RE: Douglas Balsewicz - Inmate No.: 221009 - Parole Hearing Date: 1/12/22

Dear Cheryl Shea,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz, and for your continued advocacy on his behalf.

Please be advised that any letters intended to be reviewed at an upcoming parole hearing must be received by our office at least one month in advance in order for them to be processed and forwarded to the institution and filed in time for the hearing. Your letter was not received in time to be included for consideration, but your previous support correspondence is still on file.

At the review, the assigned Commissioner assessed that Mr. Balsewicz had satisfied the conduct and programming requirements for a parole grant, with the risk reduction, time served, and release plan requirements remaining unmet. A request was made for a Pre-Release Investigation (PRI) to confirm Mr. Balsewicz's proposed release plans.

A completed and approved PRI, as determined by his assigned probation and parole agent under the Division of Community Corrections (DCC) of the Wisconsin DOC, is an essential step towards a grant, as it factors towards reducing risk upon release. The agent will be in contact soon regarding the PRI.

The Commissioner recommended a three month defer, to allow time for the agent to do a complete investigation, and to coordinate with potential release resources, which your assistance will be valuable for. This defer is currently pending the review of the Chair.

Your letter will be added to Mr. Balsewicz's support file for consideration before all future reviews. Thank you again for reaching out in support of your brother in the parole process.

Sincerely,

Wisconsin Parole Commission

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**From:** Cheryl Shea [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 5:04 AM  
**To:** DOC Parole Commission <DOCParoleComm@wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** Douglas Balsewicz - Inmate No.: 221009 - Parole Hearing Date: 1/12/22

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Dear Mr. Tate/Wisconsin Parole Commission:

Attached hereto please find my letter of support for my brother, Douglas Balsewicz.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Have a great day and stay safe.

Very truly yours,  
Cheryl L. Shea

CHERYL L. SHEA



January 11, 2022

**VIA EMAIL AND US POSTAL SERVICE**

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Wisconsin Parole Commission  
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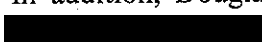

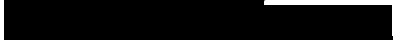

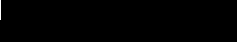
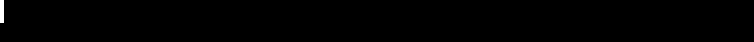
Re: Inmate: Douglas Balsewicz  
Inmate No.: 221009  
Parole Hearing: January 12, 2022



Dear Mr. Tate/Wisconsin Parole Commission:

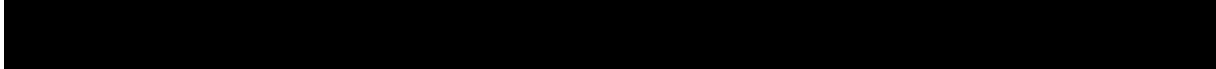
I am writing to support the parole of my brother, Douglas Balsewicz in his upcoming parole hearing on January 12, 2022.

Please be advised that I honestly and truly believe from the bottom of my heart and soul, despite Douglas' mistakes he is a good person. I have always known Douglas to be kind, helpful, caring and hardworking individual.

Since the onset of Douglas' incarceration on June 3, 1997, I have seen many great and positive changes in Douglas. I know that Douglas is more than a changed individual based on my own knowledge and observations of Douglas having to accept and deal with the facts and heartbreaks of many family members passing away, including but not limited to his own son.

In addition, Douglas has been waiting for years to have  that are not only , but also necessary for Douglas to  and not continue  I have the ability to provide Douglas with any transportation he may need to get to the  I understand he is in the prison system and he is not the only inmate. However, I know Douglas is in  and also has tremendous 

Douglas' writing to the Unit and others within the prison, as well as their responses is voluminous and is in his prison file/medical records. Yet, as of today, nothing has been  Given the opportunity to be granted parole, Douglas can get all of his 



I am confident that Douglas will be a useful and law abiding citizen if given the opportunity. I am more than ready, willing and able to provide Douglas with housing, clothing, food and transportation, along with any and all other needs and assistance Douglas may have. I am employed in the legal field as a paralegal. I own my home, with three (3) bedrooms, three (3) bathrooms located at [REDACTED] Milwaukee, WI 53209. I reside in my home alone,

I am debt free. I do not have a mortgage on my home. I have no credit card debt or any other type of debt. I own two (2) vehicles and transportation is not an issue. I am 61 years of age and live a very quiet, peaceful, reserved lifestyle. If the Prole Board or the Prole Agent would like to run a credit report, I have no problem with that and will provide my Social Security Number. I am more than confident that my work and home lifestyle, as well as my environment and morals will provide Douglas with stability, morals, and a loving and caring environment. The Department of Parole is welcome to come to my home at any time that is convenience for them on Monday – Thursday any time after 6:00 p.m., Friday's any time after 1:00 p.m., Saturday's or Sunday's between 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m..

If you have any further questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to consider Douglas for parole.

Very truly yours,

*Cheryl L. Shea*

Cheryl L. Shea  
[REDACTED]

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March 26, 2021

Roger Dunnam  


RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Roger Dunnam,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz's upcoming parole hearing. Please know that your continued advocacy is heard and valued by the Parole Commission.

Since the previous review (4/10/2020), Mr. Balsewicz has earned minimum custody, and is currently awaiting transfer to a minimum facility. This transfer falls under the Bureau of Offender Classification and Movement (BOCM) at the institution. A successful transition through reduced security, with continued good conduct, can factor towards the currently unmet risk reduction requirement, and can help determine when a request to confirm release planning would be appropriate.

Your letter will be placed in Mr. Balsewicz's institutional file, and will be reviewed by the Parole Commissioner before the next review, scheduled for 4/20/2021. Once again, the Commission thanks you for taking the time to write on his behalf.

Sincerely,

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CC: Social Service File

March 17, 2021

Dear Mr. Tate,

Once again it is time for a parole hearing for Douglas Balsewicz #221009. So I am writing again in support of Doug and his release. My name is Roger Dunnam from Mondovi, Wisconsin. I have been doing prison ministry from the church of Christ in Eau Claire, Wisconsin for over 20 years. I am also retired from over 20 years as a horseshoer and 20 years of running a custom sawmill business.

I was introduced to Doug when his cousin asked if I would visit him while he was at New Lisbon correctional. I made that visit and have been seeing him for over 15 years at 3 different institutions. When Doug was on the street he was a man with no purpose, no vision and so he was involved with drugs and alcohol, which was a major factor in his crime. After he was incarcerated he was ready to take his life because he was remorseful for what he had done and still lacked purpose. Through another inmate he became involved in a bible study through a prison ministry program. It took a number of years but he slowly turned his thought process around and although still remorseful for what he had done he began to see that there could be purpose to his life. This has been the goal of our visits over the years, for Doug to find meaning and purpose for his life. He, of course, is no longer involved with drugs or alcohol and has no desire to do so. But wants to live a productive life and give back to a society from which he has taken so much.

As I said I have been involved in visiting inmates for over 20 years and have seen many come and go. Some successful and some not. We have several former inmates attending our congregation in Eau Claire. But of all the inmates I have visited over 20 years I have the most faith and confidence in Doug. I believe he is at 0 risk to re-offend and not only but would also be an asset to society. I would welcome him in my house or as my neighbor. Our congregation already considers him to be a part of our community of faith. We have members who write him letters and talk to him on the phone. We are anxiously awaiting for him to come and be a part of our congregation and share with us his faith.

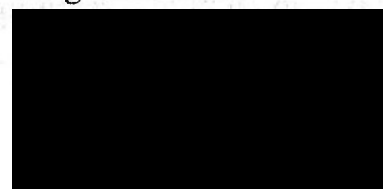
I believe the purpose of prisons is to protect society, punish the offender and provide an opportunity to change their life for the better. Doug has been punished but can never "pay" for the life he has taken. The way for him to continue to "pay" is for him to contribute to society in a productive way. Society does not need to be protected from Doug any longer and he has changed his thinking, his life and his goals. Through my visits and contacts we are prepared to support Doug in his new life on the outside in any way that would help him adjust and be productive.

It is our hope and prayer that you will consider Doug's release in a positive light and be willing to give him the opportunity he has been working toward for over 20 years. This would be a success story of life lost and rebuilt and we would appreciate being a part of that story.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If I can be of any assistance please let me know.

Roger Dunnam

*Sincerely,*  
*Roger*



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March 26, 2021

Kathy Siebenshuh  


RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Kathy Siebenshuh,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz's upcoming parole hearing. Please know that your support is valued by the Parole Commission.

Since the previous review (4/10/2020), Mr. Balsewicz has earned minimum custody, and is currently awaiting transfer to a minimum facility. This transfer falls under the Bureau of Offender Classification and Movement (BOCM) at the institution. A successful transition through reduced security, with continued good conduct, can factor towards the currently unmet risk reduction requirement, and can help determine when a request to confirm release planning would be appropriate.

Your letter will be placed in Mr. Balsewicz's institutional file, and will be reviewed by the Parole Commissioner before the next review, scheduled for 4/20/2021. Once again, the Commission thanks you for taking the time to write on his behalf.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2021

Wisconsin Parole Commission  
ATTN: John Tate II  
PO Box 7960  
Madison, WI 53707-7960

RE: Douglas Balsewicz (221009)



Dear Parole Commission:

Although I have never met Doug Balsewicz, I've heard about him and his struggles over the years through our minister, Roger Dunnam; who has visited with Doug on a fairly regular basis. I've known Roger for over 30 years and trust his opinion completely. I believe everyone deserves a second chance. Making a mistake doesn't make you a bad person, just someone that made a bad choice. Everyone needs someone to believe in them. Doug would have that with our congregation, along with our encouragement. We're a small congregation but could also help with other needs he might have such as food, clothing, etc. to help him get back on his feet.

Several years back another inmate was released and came to our church. His name is Mike Hinzman. I've talked with Mike quite a bit and know what type of background he came from and what he is doing today. I've told him several times how proud I was of him, how he's turned his life around, and could he imagine what life would have been like had he turned things around sooner. I think the Lord, Roger, and our congregation had a lot to do with his changes. Gave him a sense of belonging. So, if it could work for Mike it could work for Doug. He won't be alone. Please give Doug that chance as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Kathy Siebenshuh



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March 22, 2021

William Smith  


RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear William Smith,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz's upcoming parole review. Please know that all input is appreciated in the parole process.

Your letter will be placed in Mr. Balsewicz's institutional file, and will be reviewed by the Parole Commissioner before the next parole review, as well as reviewed by all Parole Commissioners conducting all future hearings.

Your letter is important and will be one of many factors taken into consideration relative to a parole decision. Once again, the Commission thanks you for taking the time to share your insight and support.

Sincerely,

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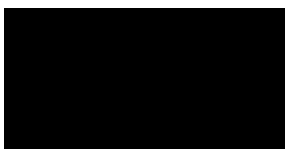
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March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

TO: Wisconsin Parole Commission  
3099 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 7960  
Madison WI 53707-7960



FROM: William J. Smith



RE: Letter of Support Regarding Parole Considerations for Douglas Balsewicz, #221009

I would hope you will consider this letter regarding Mr. Balsewicz's upcoming parole hearing. Although I have not had the privilege of meeting Mr. Balsewicz, I know of him through his minister Roger Dunnam. I am a member of the Church of Christ and attend regularly at the congregation located in Eau Claire. Roger Dunnam and I have had several conversations about Douglas, and I am certain that he has strong support system in place and would successful should he be released.

I have never written a letter such as this considering that I am a retired from a correctional career in the State of Oklahoma. Within my twenty-three years I was blessed to work at ever uniform rank until I finished as a Chief of Security at Jess Dunn Correctional Center. I am fully aware of the difficulty of your position. If I did not feel as though Roger's work and care for Douglas was not bearing successful fruit, I would not take up any of your valuable time.

Thank you for any and all considerations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William J. Smith".

William J. Smith

**Tony Evers**  
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March 16, 2021

Denise Eppler



RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Denise Eppler,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz's upcoming parole review. Please know that your input is valued in the parole process.

Your letter will be placed in Mr. Balsewicz's institutional file, and will be reviewed by the Parole Commissioner before the next parole review, scheduled for April 2021, as well as reviewed by all Parole Commissioners conducting all future reviews.

Your letter is important and will be one of many factors taken into consideration relative to a parole decision. Thank you again for taking the time to share your support.

Sincerely,

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To Whom it may Concern,  
My name is Denise Eppler. I am Doug Balsewicz's  
Cousin. I have been visiting Doug in  
Prison for about 12 years; I have  
seen an extremely large change in  
Doug (for the better) through out the  
years. I Support his release, he is  
not the person he was before he got  
to Prison. He has a Small Community  
and Family to help him When he  
gets out of Prison and I believe he  
is ready and Willing to be Productive  
in Society.

Sincerely,  
Denise Eppler  
3/10/21



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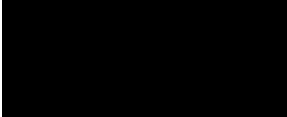
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March 16, 2021

Gerane Lyngdal



RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Gerane Lyngdal,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz's upcoming parole review. Please know that your input and resources are valued in the parole process.

As of the most recent review (4/10/2020) the Commission assessed that Mr. Balsewicz had satisfied the conduct and programming requirements for a grant, but that the risk reduction, time served, and release plan requirements remain unmet. Mr. Balsewicz was endorsed for a reduction in security, which will fall under the Program Review Committee (PRC) at the institution. A successful transition through reduced security, with continued good conduct, can factor towards reducing risk, and can help determine when a request to confirm release planning would be appropriate. Only once all requirements are satisfied may a parole grant be issued.

The Commission understands your concern for Mr. Balsewicz, but his [REDACTED] falls under the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI), not the Parole Commission. The Commission will assess Mr. Balsewicz's progress towards satisfying the requirements for a grant at the next review, scheduled for April 2021. Thank you again for taking the time to share your advocacy.

Sincerely,

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'Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself.'  
- Hebrews 13:3

March 11, 2021

Attn: John Tate II, Chairman

Wisconsin Parole Commission

Re: Parole of Douglas Balsewicz # 221009

Dear Mr. Tate:

This is the third time I am writing to request parole for Douglas Balsewicz. Though I have never met Doug, I have corresponded with him monthly for seven years and also receive phone calls from Doug and his sister, Cheryl. Roger Darnam, an elder of my congregation, the Church of Christ, in Eau Claire, WI, has been visiting him in prison for longer than that. My entire congregation is in support of Doug's parole. We know his story. We know God is more forgiving than the prison system.

In the past ten years, my congregation has worked with ten inmates, trying to help ground them and provide practical and spiritual assistance when they receive parole. Success varies, but we've had one astonishing breakthrough in a man who had been in and out of prison six times since he was eighteen. That man, now fifty, is the gold standard. Doug has at least that much potential himself. He has repented of his sins and wants to become a Christian leader. I am a retired English teacher and can assure

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Parole request  
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you that Doug has untapped communication skills, which he wants to hone and use in his work with young people at Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp in Black River, WI, and as an inspirational speaker.

Doug has been denied parole twice. The second time he was denied, you told him he could have been paroled if he had had his [REDACTED]. You also told him he would receive parole on June 1, 2021, contingent on an August 2020 [REDACTED].

COVID-19 has made it difficult for Doug to [REDACTED]. The prison system would not make any extra effort to assist him. Doug was scheduled for the [REDACTED] in July 2020, twice in August 2020, twice in November 2020, and, so far, once in March 2021, with another scheduling pending. The reasons for cancellations [REDACTED] include:

I'm sorry, but I don't know how to make



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this letter shorter; I can hardly control my indignation over the callous treatment Douglas received. A prison system is meant to rehabilitate inmates, not kill any hope for them to work toward a useful future life. Please! Douglas has no control over the scheduling of his

[redacted] Douglas says you have no authority over the prison's decisions about his [redacted]. But the prison needs to be held accountable in this matter. You can issue the parole. Please don't deny his parole again because he hasn't had the [redacted]

My congregation will help Doug find a job and a place to live in Eau Claire. You will never regret a decision to help this man move on.

Thank you for your continued efforts with all prisoners.

Sincerely,

*Gerane Lyngdal*

K. Gerane Lyngdal  
[redacted]

**Received**

MAR 15 2021

Parole Commission

**From:** DOC Parole Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:19 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Douglas Balsewicz - Inmate No.: 221009

Dear Cheryl Shea,

Thank you for writing the Parole Commission in support of your brother (#221009). We have also received your mailed letter.

Your letter will be placed in Mr. Balsewicz's institutional file, and will be reviewed by the Parole Commissioner at the next parole review, scheduled for 4/20/2021, as well as reviewed by all Parole Commissioners conducting any future reviews.

Your letter is important and will be one of many factors taken into consideration relative to a parole decision. Once again, the Commission thanks you for taking the time to write on his behalf.

Sincerely,

The Wisconsin Parole Commission

OB

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 7:42 AM  
**To:** DOC Parole Commission <DOCParoleComm@wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** Douglas Balsewicz - Inmate No.: 221009

Dear Mr. Tate/Parole Commission Board:

I am writing on behalf of the upcoming parole hearing for my brother, Douglas Balsewicz.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of the delivery of mail via the U.S. Postal Service, I am respectfully submitting my letter to all of you via email as well as U. S. Postal Service.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [REDACTED]

Thank for your time and consideration.

Have a great day and stay safe.

Cheryl L. Shea

CHERYL L. SHEA



March 21, 2021

Attn: Mr. John Tate II  
Wisconsin Parole Commission  
3099 East Washington Street  
Madison, WI 53707-7960




Re: Inmate: Douglas Balsewicz  
Inmate No.: 221009



Dear Mr. Tate/Wisconsin Parole Commission:

I am writing to support the parole of my brother, Douglas Balsewicz.

Please be advised that I honestly and truly believe from the bottom of my heart and soul, despite Douglas' mistakes he is a good person. I have always known Douglas to be kind, helpful, caring and hardworking individual.

Since the onset of Douglas' incarceration on June 3, 1997, I have seen many great and positive changes in Douglas. I know that Douglas is more than a changed individual based on my own knowledge and observations of Douglas having to accept and deal with the facts and heartbreaks of our mother passing away on March 7, 2013, my son passing away on December 18, 2016, our father passing away on March 6, 2017 and Douglas' son passing away on August 26, 2019 and Douglas not being able to be at any of their funeral services or be present to pay his respect and say good-bye to any of them. However, Douglas realizes that this situation and his inability to attend any of the services was very unfortunate and as a result of his own actions. In addition, I know Douglas is filled with great remorse for his prior actions.

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If you have any further questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at   


Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to consider Douglas for parole.

Very truly yours,

*Cheryl L. Shea*  
Cheryl L. Shea

Depr. Wisconsin Parole Commission

I have never met Douglas but have followed his progress thru Roger Bunnam. Roger has studied the scriptures with him. I believe he is a changed man. The Lord God has changed his mind set. I think he now has a good heart and will become a good man when he is released. He needs this chance to show his new life.

Looking forward to his release. Douglas Balsewky 221009. needs this chance at life. He is a good man now.

Dorothy Brown  
Eau Claire WI church of Christ

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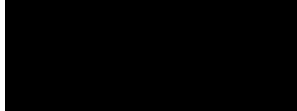
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March 31, 2020

Gerane Lyngdal



RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Ms. Lyngdal,

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Sincerely,

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OB/WPC

CC: Social Service File



March 28, 2020

"Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself."  
- Hebrews 13:3

Wisconsin Parole Commission Re: Douglas Balsewicz #221009  
Attention: John Tate II Racine Corr. Inst.

I am a 74-year-old retired teacher, and I worship at the Eau Claire Church of Christ. I have known Roger and Anne Oennam for 45 years. Roger served as minister of the Nelson Church of Christ twice and then at Eau Claire for 5 years. Currently, he works as an elder of that congregation and has responsibilities with Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp and heads our prison ministry. As my part of this ministry, I write letters to Christian prisoners in the Wisconsin prison system and help with the effort to rehabilitate those who receive parole.

Douglas Balsewicz chose to become a baptized Christian in 2008. Roger has worked with Doug since 2012, and I have corresponded with him at least once a month for the past 6 years. Twenty-three years ago, while on drugs, Doug murdered his wife and affected the lives of himself and all of his family members in ways that still have repercussions today. However, Doug is not the same person that committed that crime. He cannot change what he did, but he has repented, and his attitude toward life is vastly different today.

Our congregation has worked with 7 parolees, helping them to find work and a place to live, adjust to the responsibilities of life on the

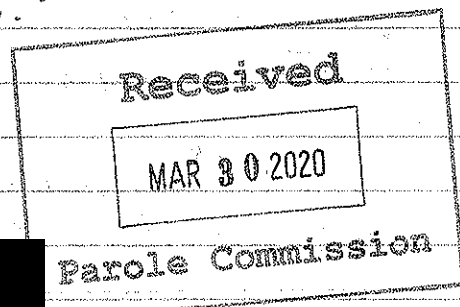
outside, and strengthen their faith. Presently, we have 2 men coming up for parole and are ready to leave a prison treatment center in July. All 3 wish to live and work and worship here.

I have never met Doug in person, but I know he is ready for parole and will find useful ways to pay his debt to society and inspire others. He has not had an easy time since I began writing to him. An injury he sustained in the prison kitchen has not healed. (b) (6) (b) (7) (C) and (b) (7) (D)

Unfortunately, the Coronavirus has caused (b) (6) (b) (7) (C) and (b) (7) (D) again. Doug is nearly 54. I beg you to consider his situation as an urgent need for parole. Our congregation is ready to assist him with basic needs and to help him obtain (b) (6) (b) (7) (C) and (b) (7) (D). We ask that you release him into Eau Claire County as soon as possible. I believe that Doug will give back to our congregation far more than we can ever give to him.

Sincerely,

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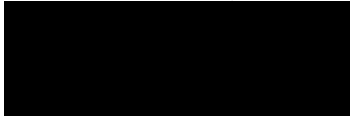
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March 25, 2020

Cheryl Blazekovic



RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Ms. Blazekovic,

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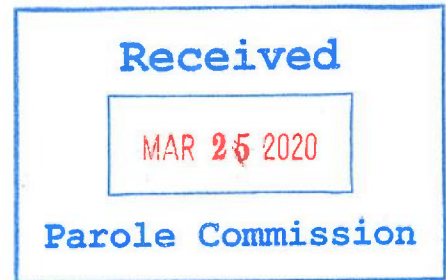
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CHERYL L. BLAZEKOVIC

March 22, 2020

Attn: Mr. John Tate II  
Wisconsin Parole Commission  
3099 East Washington Street  
Madison, WI 53707-7960



Re: Inmate: Douglas Balsewicz  
Inmate No.: 221009

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If you have any further questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to consider Douglas for parole.

Very truly yours,

*Cheryl L. Blazekovic*

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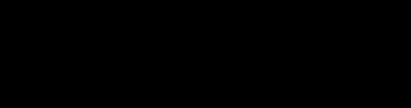
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March 20, 2020

Roger Dunnam



RE: Douglas Balsewicz #221009

Dear Mr. Dunnam,

The State of Wisconsin Parole Commission thanks you for taking the time to write your letter of support regarding Mr. Balsewicz's upcoming parole hearing. Please know that all input – be it from family, friends, elected officials or concerned citizens – is appreciated.

Your letter will be placed in Mr. Balsewicz's institutional file, and will be reviewed by the Parole Commissioner before the next parole hearing as well as reviewed by all Parole Commissioners conducting all future hearings.

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Sincerely,

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Wisconsin Parole Commission  
OB/WPC

CC: Social Service File

Received

MAR 20 2020

Parole Commission

Dear Mr. John Tate II,

My name is Roger Dunnam and I live near Mondovi, Wisconsin. I have lived on the farm here for over 25 years. I am retired from horseshoeing for over 20 years and running my own sawmill business for 20 years. I have worked with the Eau Claire church of Christ for many years.

I am writing concerning the parole hearing of Douglas Balsewicz #221009. His cousin asked me visit him when he was incarcerated at New Lisbon correctional. That was over 14 years ago and I have been visiting him ever since then. So I have known Doug for over 14 years and have been to see him in every institution where he has been transferred.

Doug has become a man of faith and it is a blessing every time I go see him. He always thanks me for visiting and expresses the thought that I am a blessing to him through the visits. I'm not sure he knows how much a blessing he is to me, although I have told him many times. He has expressed to me the grief he feels because of the murder he committed and the grief it has caused. But he also understands the need for repentance and forgiveness. I have visited a lot of inmates in the prison system over the years and none have exhibited the qualities of responsibility, grief, sorrow, repentance and the need to hit the reset button and start over as completely as Doug has done.

The congregation of the Eau Claire church of Christ considers Doug a member of our community. Over the years I have kept them updated on Doug's situation. At least one of the members has been with me to visit Doug. If I go several weeks and do not mention Doug someone will ask me about him. We just want you to know that there are people on the outside that are waiting for Doug to get out. We are ready, able, and most of all, willing to assist him in every way that we can when he is released. We have contacts with landlords and employers. Of course we cannot guarantee what will happen when he is released but we can guarantee he will have a community to help and encourage him in his new start. We have found that the most important thing in an inmate being successful when they are released is not money not a job not a house but a community who is willing to encourage and help hold them accountable.

I believe that releasing Doug would in no way diminish his crime but would give him an opportunity to give instead of take from society, which he is ready to do and wants to do. You want success stories, this would be a success story. He went to prison to pay for his crime and change his life. He could never pay for taking a life but he can and did change his life. I believe society would be better served if Doug were able to contribute on the outside. Thank you for your consideration. Doug has support of an entire community when he is released. Let us help and support him. Thanks again for your time.

Sincerely,

Roger Dunnam

Scott Walker  
Governor



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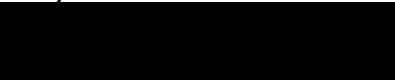
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March 31, 2017

Raymond Peterson



RE: Offender: Balsewicz, Douglas DOC# 221009-A

Dear Mr. Peterson,

Your recent correspondence to the Parole Commission has been received and placed in the institution case file. It will be available for review by the Commissioner conducting the hearing at the time of parole/release consideration.

Thank you for writing and expressing your viewpoint and/or concerns, and also for your support of inmate Balsewicz, Douglas DOC # 221009.

This letter is being sent as a courtesy to you to let you know your letter has been received and placed in the institution file so that the commissioner can review the letter at the time of parole consideration.

Sincerely,

Wisconsin Parole Commission  
ABIWPC  
cc: Social Service File





U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
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Flight Standards District Office  
6020 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Room 201  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

March 13, 2017

Wisconsin Parole Commission  
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P.O. Box 7960  
Madison, WI 53707-7960



Re: Inmate: Mr. Douglas Balsewicz  
DOC ID: 221009  
Unit: Walworth West #1211  
Facility: Sturtevant, Wisconsin

Dear Parole Commission:

This letter is written to you in support of the release of Mr. Douglas Balsewicz. I am a member of the Eau Claire Church of Christ in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. This Christian congregation is very unified and supportive of Mr. Balsewicz. I have never met Mr. Balsewicz, but an Elder of our church, Mr. Roger Dunnam, has numerous times. Mr. Dunnam repeatedly explains to us the Conversion of Mr. Balsewicz, and emphatically testifies before this congregation, that this gentleman truly has given his life to the Savior – and that there is no doubt that it is genuine.

The direct question is: How do I support someone I never met. The answer to you is that it is a part of our Faith. To us, Mr. Balsewicz is now a part of our family. Through decades in the US military and the Federal Aviation Administration, I have always promoted the concept of 'Family'. As a US Marine, we hold deeply that, *'Once a Marine, Always a Marine'*. I live close to the Eau Claire Church and I specifically request that Mr. Balsewicz be placed on Parole in the Eau Claire area, near our Church Family. He needs a supportive family, without question, – and he will find that here!

Over past decades I have helped many men in church environments, with many emotional issues, from Okinawa, California, Northwest Wisconsin as a leader in the Roman Catholic Cursillo, with the International Church of Christ in Milwaukee as a Singles Leader, and with the Spring Street Church of Christ in Racine. I have had many issues myself to deal with after an unexpected divorce. I am now married and tremendously blessed for almost 15 years to a marvelous wife! I have been an Aviation Safety Inspector in the Federal Aviation Administration for nearly 20 years, and attained two Master Degrees.

In submitting this to you, the Parole Board, I am also making a commitment – that I will be personally involved in his life, as much as he will allow me. I have raised two tremendously successful sons – and I know how to respectfully encourage and mentor through my years in FAA leadership. I am willing to devote the time to get Mr. Balsewicz on the right foot here in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I may be able to help to guide him to be

successful, on the outside, and most importantly, to be an asset to all of us. It is indeed going to take work – but Mr. Dunnam has conveyed to us that Doug is sure willing to make that effort. I believe that it is possible. In my occupation with the Federal Aviation Administration, we also consistently analyze risk. I believe that this risk is acceptable as a Wisconsin taxpayer. If Mr. Balsewicz indeed desires to be productive member in society, I also believe and am encouraged that this release has a strong potential to have a favorable outcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raymond A. Peterson Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raymond A. Peterson Jr.  
Principal Maintenance Inspector  
Minneapolis Flight Standards District Office  
Minneapolis, MN 55450



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March 10, 2017

Gerane Lyngdal  
[REDACTED]

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cc: Social Service File



"Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them."  
Hebrews 13:3

TO: Wisconsin Parole Commission  
Attention: Steve Landreman

SUBJECT: Request for grant of parole for  
Douglas Balsewicz # 221009

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Parole Commission

I am a retired teacher of high school and college students, who has also worked with developmentally and learning disabled adults in their homes. When my home congregation disbanded, I transferred membership to the Eau Claire Church of Christ, where Roger Dunnam had initiated a prison ministry. Roger began his visits to Doug in 2008, and I commenced writing monthly letters to Doug and other Christian prisoners in 2014.

I have never talked to Doug or met him in person, but he corresponds with me when he has needs. He entered the prison system as a hardened and embittered man, truly a threat to society, but an inmate converted him to Christianity. Doug has transformed into a humble, repentant, faithful, God-fearing man. In prison he has suffered great physical pain because of neglected medical conditions. His response has been to ask our congregation to pray for him, to help him get through the situation without harboring anger or ill will toward anyone. Last July he fasted and prayed for endurance and patience for three days. Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED] When Doug writes to me, his questions concern the welfare of members of my congregation, people he has never met. This man was sent to a correctional facility for the worst of crimes. The prison has done its work: Douglas Balsewicz has been rehabilitated.

Although Doug's crimes were committed in Milwaukee, it is his desire to be paroled in Eau Claire County so he can worship with us. Our congregation has worked with released felons over the past ten years. Two of them are valued members of our group today, and two more will join us in July 2017 and February 2018.

Our church is small and closely knit. Members include a doctor, three nurses, a retired County Family Counselor, a good mix of other professionals and paraprofessionals, and retirees with the time and ability to assist our brother, Doug. Eau Claire has a choice of medical facilities and a wide variety of employment opportunities. Two Narcotics Anonymous groups meet in our building on Tuesdays and Fridays. Hope Gospel Mission, not affiliated with our church, will provide housing and two years of employment training to those who meet their criteria.

Our congregation would like to show you what Doug can accomplish with a good support team.

God bless you for your efforts with prisoners.

Sincerely,

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